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Allies but what the Entente Powers want most of King Ferdinand I is his active aid in clearing a part in politics, cleanly and vigorously. road for Russian troops to enter the Balkans.

were taken from Archangel around the western coast of the British Isles and through the Mediterranean, now strewn with Teuton mines and traversed by Teuton submarines. That the Allies took the Russian troops over this route is proof of tary stations. their need of a mass of men to throw at the Teuton-Bulgar lines in the Balkans.

But now Russia can send her men through Ru mania and the soldiers of the two nations can strike at Bulgaria and probably open a way to cut at the Turkish supply line which was established when the Teutons smashed down Serbian resist ance in the Balkans. Turkey, it appears, will be isolated from the ammunition factories of the Cen tral Powers, and meanwhile the Russians are ap proaching from the other side, through Armenia

In fact, Rumania's entrance brings a multitude of factors to play on the side of the Allies. We notice that British diplomacy has already been given credit for the coup, but this is yet to be shown The fact is that of the foreign ministers resident in Bucharest, the Russian, Poklewski Kozielli, in credited with being by all odds the best equipped for the devious intrigues of Rumanian diplomacy. He is not only an excellent schemer but is said to have a larger exchequer at his disposal than any other minister. The frankness with which this is discussed makes an American think of the "slush funds" of the home-brew politicians. Minister Faschiotti of Italy is acknowledged to be the intriguer par excellence of the corps, and Count de St. Hilaire of France, who recently arrived, was understood to bring with him a copy of a new treaty with the Allies. This may be the treaty whose signing took Rumania into the Entente

Bucharest, always one of the picturesque cities of Europe, and one where international scheming is a favorite indoor sport, has been more picture sque and plotful than ever since the war broke at. It has been the battleground of contending pacy, from which the Allies have emerged victors. They have now on their side all the re ources of wheat, barley, maize, oats, cattle, horses regetables and fruits of a very productive counry. Rumania has great petroleum beds, vineyards and coal fields, excellent fisheries and much time er. It is a moderately rich country and has ac mired much additional wealth through its clever me of neutrality to canctify commercial bargains with both sides.

THE "SHORT-BALLOT" PLAN FOR HONOLULU.

I. Hatch, published by the Star-Bulletin vesterday, contains a number of suggestions for improvenent in municipal affairs which deserve thoughtful consideration. Some of them the Star-Bulle tin will discuss later. A point to which this paper lesires particularly to call attention now is set forth by Senator Judd as follows:

The municipal act, as it now is with but few ty and authority. Let us build on our own ice rather than copy others. We know our. at system. Let us change it where necessary so that we voters shall ballot only for the mayor, supervisors and the auditor. Let all the other officers be appointed. The appointing power will then be responsible for them. Such is not now the case, and the result is complained of.

He further suggests a variation of the above, to reate a board of four men and the mayor, each with executive functions, and points out that this would be no novelty to native voters, who were familiar with a similar plan under the monarchy Senator Judd's suggestion, quoted above, is in effect the establishment of the "short-ballot" system in Honolulu city government.

The "short-ballot" plan has been favored for four years by many students of our municipal affairs. The Municipal Research Club is pledged to this principal; many businessmen favor it. The Star-Bulletin has repeatedly told why we believe it would be effectively applicable here.

What has damned this plan in the eyes of many voters is the fact that it sometimes goes by the name of commission government. And commission government in local affairs has been confused with military commission government for Oahu under Washington supervision. This confusion has in some cases been intentionally caused by designing politicians who play on prejudice.

Senator Judd finds a painful lack of interest in tria, Rumania is now going over and take it back. city affairs on the part of the business leaders. He would give the city officials broader powers and concentrate responsibility instead of scattering it among many. The principle is sound and it is the principle to which American cities are coming steadily.

Cut down the number of elective offices; give the elected officials plenty of work, plenty of re- The Rumaniacs are in.

of government be carried on in plain sight of the RUMANIA'S WEIGHT IN THE WAR-SCALES. taxpayers—and the taxpayers realize the direct relationship between electing good officials and Rumania's agricultural and mineral resources getting good, efficient and economical government. are valuable when thrown into the scales with the Once this is fully realized, the man of large prop erty finds that it is to his interest to take personal

Local government has come to Honolulu to stay A few days ago a Russian brigade was landed unless the carelessness and indifference of the so at Saloniki. To reach this Greek port the Slavs called "haole voter" allows Honolulu government to run down at the heel. It has come to stay unless through criminal folly, waste and negligence this city forces Washington to take a hand to ensure law, order and progress in one of its greatest mili-

The Star-Bulletin sees no likely prospect for lulu, but how can we expect to ac forcing an issue beyond the semisuch an unfortunate development. Local government has made good in principle and in operation. though it could be vastly improved. But it must continue not only to make reasonably good, but to make notably good. We cannot stand still. We any soldier to make public his grouch. This can only be done through a cannot move at a snail's pace and expect American ideals of civic progress to be stamped upon the minds and characters of thousands of alien-blood youths coming to maturity. We cannot sit down and expect some mysterious law of nature to and time, evolve an American community out of a heteroge neous mass. There is a job to be done and we have got to do it.

Activity in local politics is one vital part of doing this job. Not the activity of a professional politician but the activity of a citizen doing his of the city needs the attention of share to get good men to run for office and to elect I refer to the offsets or sudden dethem when they do run.

By reducing the number of elected offices and placing more power in the hands of those elected, Honolulu can make it not only advisable but abso- may be necessary in some instances, lutely necessary to the welfare of this city that progressive, brainy, stalwart men be kept in charge ever crosses the sidewalks. There is of Honolulu affairs.

Honolulu can make it necessary for the laymen of Hotel and Richards streets. elected to office to employ experts for the jobs that | Yesterday two ladies approached require experts. Honolulu can afford to give a city engineer \$10,000 or twice that a year if he is big Suddenly one of the ladies fell flat enough to earn it in private practise. And Hono on her face, the fall being occasioned lulu will not expect officials to achieve the impos- lady received a severe wrench of the Sunday and have an invitation from sible, as is sometimes now the case, with neither ankle and other bruises. the authority nor the means to hire the best brains There seems to be no need for that and technical equipment available.

Senator Judd's suggestions are sound, and men and organizations of Honolulu are justified in getting behind them with support.

WET TERRITORY NARROWING.

It is estimated that one-half the population living raised six to eight inches a ve the in wet territory lives in four states. One-sixth of level of the street, be placed at all lives in six cities. One-half the saloons in the nited States are in fourteen cities. In a list of about it? it is a poor rule that won't thirty-six states there are fewer saloons than in New | work both ways. York City. There are fewer saloons south of the Mason and Dixon line than in the city of Chicago, stepping into one of these offsets on There are about 2900 counties in the United States and over 1800 are now dry.

Watch the daily papers for announcements of Mr. A. F. Judil's letter to Supervisor Francis the exact date for organization of the Aero Club of Hawaii-then attend the meeting and join. Support for the club through its early stages will make it one of the famed organizations of America.

> What we don't understand is how Rumania was allowed to get into this scrap without first issuing a White, Yellow, Green or Pink Book. We thought it wasn't done in the best war circles.

Systematic and forceful paid publicity used by the railroads in the advertising columns of the mainland dailies has been a powerful factor in winning public sentiment to the side of the employers. such as sectional prejudice, by those come interested in swimming have

heavily anywhere than on the shoulders of the the guise of liberty, and so forth. All an impromptu rally in my office in luckless congressmen who ought to be out in their districts mending political fences.

King Constantine of Greece has undergone a slight surgical operation, says a despatch. The Allies have been operating on his country right

The Republican nominees for territorial house and senate are beginning to shape up as prospectively very good timber.

An editor from Tokio says war will end next summer. Somebody's guess on the length of the conflict is likely to be lucky.

"Balked in the Balkans, or, What Happened to the Teutons," is announced for fall publication.

Labor Day is highly appropriate as the strike date for 400,000 railroad men.

Having sold a large consignment of wheat to Aus-

to traverse Kalakana avenue.

Trail and Mountain Club's next feat should be

Are you booked for the Hilo Civic Convention trip? Obey that impulse!

has received several letters from en- arbitration-the notion that words are listed men recently which it cannot as good as deeds-has recently passsigned with in tals only. It is neces- The web of industrial existence is as a proof of good faith, though if the diametrically opposite strain on them. letter is within pounds of propriety And the test of civilization is the inand contains no personal attack, it tricate leaven of each in accord with

SPEAK WELL OF EACH OTHER

Honolulu, Aug. 28, 1916. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

gust 25 appeared a letter in answer nothing stable and real. to a letter entitled "Follower of sonally I don't think it becoming for possible blending of certain races.

it is much nicer not to speak at all. Thanking the editor for the space

ANOTHER KIND OF "BUMPS"

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

W. F. MUSE.

Sir: A condition that has to do somebody, looking toward correction. pressions crossing our sidewalks, ostensibly made so for the convenience of vehicles passing from the street to the inclosure. While these offsets they occur in many places throughout the heart of the city, where no traffic one such place on Hotel street in front of the vacant lot at the corner

this fool arrangement, apparently deeply interested in conversation. by the offset in the sidewalk. The

crosses the sidewalk at that point.

Let me ask, why should pedestrians stumble and receive possible injuries day in and day out (the condition being 100 per cent worse after dark), that some possible vehicle may, in the course of a year or so, find it necessarv to cross that sidewalk?

Suppose that pedestrians demand that flagstones or cement crossings, street crossings for their convenience. What would the vehicle drivers think

It was not so many years ago that a visitor here broke her ankle by Fort street, and made the city pay real handsomely for it.

There is another beautiful (? break-neck jog on the Ewa sidewalk of Nruanu street, between Hotel and

OBSERVER.

SCISSELING THE STARRY FLAG Honolulu, Aug. 27, 1916.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. The great demand in country is not for an eight-hour work day, nor it is for a bureaucratic commonopoly, as Mr. Hughes would have ship in every line of activity. the country turned into-"a great business corporation." There are some things that cannot be mobilized have been received for reserve seat under these headings, and one of tickets for the big swimming meet them is personal liberty. But what's that there is but little question of the use? There are other things that the Aquatic Carnival being a huge are condoned by the narrow-minded, success. Many who have never bewho were not at Appomatox, so con- purchased season tickets this year. sequently how should they "know?"-The hardships of the railroad crisis fall no more the insidious flaunt of license under told, this thing of self-conce: is a federal court on Monday. Judge hideous monstrosity, which mars the Vaughan, U. S. Attorney Huber and landscape of freedom. Through the myself attended. It was brought jaundice eye of malice, pride and about by the fact that Texas went envy, they try to set up a plutocracy Democratic last Friday. Attorney that would surpass old Nero's for in- Huber is not a Texan, but he is a good equity, and, like wolves held together Democrat. by a clannish rage, increase the freakish pandemonium until the last frazzle of the starry flag has scisseled. There isn't a nicer way of spending To check this demoniac tendency it is a pleasant Sunday than by motoring necessary for a closer observance of to Haleiwa for the day. I would have truth, the outward semblance of which enjoyed myself more, however, if I is respectable propriety. Education! Education ever the

universally civil conduct.

[Editor's note-The Star-Bulletin And the long-heralded principles of

sary for the full name to be enclosed supported by innumerable guys with will be published with initials only.] the other, so as to perfectly balance the whole. To attempt this by mediation is likened to the parable, that a portion of one thing be destroyed i order to equally balance it with another, because mediation is an ab-In your evening paper of Au- stract entity, therefore it can produce

There are innumerable faces glar the Flag," signed A. John. Please al- ing out of the obscure recesses of bylow me space in your valuable paper, gone ages. They are as pertinent There are some facts in his letter, as imperfient, and it is imperative and in some ways a little exaggerated. that the elemental be strictly adhered No doubt Mr. John is one of the many to in all public affairs pertaining to soldiers who wish to be respected and the different races in all kinds of labor. welcomed by the better class of Hono- The strides of modern civilization are complish this if we are a constant clouded perception of the past in reknocker to ourselves. It's true the gard to racial propensities. There are ranks are filled with many different base and materialistic aspects to be nationalities, and we all know it henceforth taken into consideration takes such to make an army, and per- by the government, such as the im-

and possible fealousy towards his system of regulation that encompasses comrades. The opinion the ignorant both the unlimited power of the balclass has of us does not matter, but lot and the direct combination of if we cannot speak well of each other, military and civil government. ELIGE L. KIRK.

-LIEUT.-COL. JAMES B. HOUS-TON, depot quartermaster: That with the sidewalks in various parts island of Hawaii is a great country, that the races be rowed in the smooth I certainly enjoyed my vacation there.

> swimming meet coming on and then two turns, making a two and a quarthe two days' race meet at Kapiolani park with a pool match thrown in, the lovers of sport in Honolulu will have a busy week.

-BEN N. KAHALEPUNA: Divorce suits are now being filed in circuit court at the rate of one to three a day. If June is the month of weddings, August certainly must be the month of marital tangles.

-SHERIFF CHARLES H. ROSE: Birthday luaus are becoming quite popular again, I see. I enjoyed one at Mr. and Mrs. James C. Houghtailing for September 10.

-GEORGE 3. RAYMOND: Wallace Irwin wrote the "Letters of a Japanese School Boy," but I have discovered a genuine diary written by a Japanese school boy on the Island of Hawaii. The grammar used in the diary is somewhat better than that in the Irwin stories.

-CAPT. DAVID L. STONE, contructing quartermaster: Washington is so busy with other things that it seems to have sidetracked our request to build the \$127,000 reserve. storehouses here instead of at Fort Shafter. We have had no word from the War Department yet.

-D. L. MACKAYE, anti-tuberculosis bureau, board of health: There are some wise big fish out at Kaneohe. We went out fishing in the glassbottom boat and watched them. The little fish nibbled the shrimp bait until it came off the hook, then the big ones rushed up and ate it.

-DR. U. KAWAGUCHI: Although leave for Japan on the Tenyo Maru, shall still take a deep interest in the work of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. in Honolulu, and am sure that upon my return to Hawaii that the association will show an increased member-

-R. G. AYER, police surgeon: hadn't thought continually of what might turn up at the emergency hoscry. Education is nothing if it is not pital during my absence. As it was I just got back in time to treat three

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VITAL STATISTICS

BORN. MABY-In Henolulu, August 26, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. William I. Maby of McIne ny tract, off School street, a

Al CAZAR-In Honolulu, August 27, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Santiago D. Alcezar of 341e Leahi avenue, a son -Edward.

BAKER-in Honolulu, August 26, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Baker of 715 Punhale road, a son.

KING-in Honolulu, August 19, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark King of 1338 S. King street, a daughter.

SOUZA-In Henolulu, August 23, 1916,

to Mr. and Mrs. Fronk Souza of

Auwaiolimu drive, a daughter-Ag-

WOLTER-In Honolulu, August 28. 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Wolter of 803 Young street, a son

-Edward. AFONG-At the Peninsula, Pearl City, Oahu, August 28, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Afong of 1633 Nuvanu avenue, a daughter.

WINANT-In Honelulu, August 28. 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer T. Winant of 2361 East Manoa road, a daughter

ASAM-In the Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu, August 28, 1916 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Asam of 1409A Cunha lane, No. 4, a son. KAU-In Honolulu, August 28, 1916. to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. K. Kau

of 1119A Banyan street: Palama, a son-Edward. NELSON-In Honolulu, August 22, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nel-

son of Kanakanui street, a sonmen brought in from an auto accident.

-A. G. M. ROBERTSON: While the oarsmen have under consideration the matter of the course for the coming regatta, it is to be hoped that they will carefully consider the suggestion water of the inner harbor. If a threequarter mile stretch can be staked -GLENN JACKSON: With the big off, the senior crews could row it with ter mile race. The juniors and freshmen could row it with one turn, making a mile and a half. This would give the public a better view of the races and ought to prove satisfactory to the crews.

OUNG-In Honolulu, August 21, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K.

Young of Young lane, off Nuuanu avenue, a son-Clarence. PHILLIP-In Honolulu, August 9, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A.

Phillip of 120 South School street. p son-Frank. SHLVA-in Honolulu, August 8, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silva of Queen, near Common street, Kewalo, a son-James.

DIED

SOUZA-In Honolulu, August 28, 1916, Agnes Souza, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soura of Auwaiolimu drive, age 5 days, Body

SAM-in the Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu, August 28, 1916, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Asam of 1409A Cunha lane, No. 4, a native of this city. Interment in the Catholic cemetery, King street.

SAM-In the Kapiolani Maternity Home, August 28, 1916, Mrs. Mary Keawe Asam, wife of Robert Asam of 1409A Cunha lane, No. 4, a native of Kona, Hawaii, 35 years 4 months and 3 days old. Interment in the Catholic cemetery, King

LARK-In the Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu. August 27, 1916. Jean, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Clark of Lewis street, near Wilder avenue, Punahou, a native of this city, six days old. Buried Sunday in the Nuuanu cemetery.

KANA-In the Queen's hospital, Honolulu, August 27, 1916, Akana of 71 Vineyard street, married, rice planter, a native of China; 57 years old. Buried yesterday in the Catholic cemetery, King street.

SOUZA-In Honolulu, August 26. 1916, Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Souza of Auwalolimu Drive, a native of this city, five days old. Buried yesterday in the Pauca church cemetery.

IAAE-In the Libue hospital, Libue, Kauai, August 25, 1916, Miss Harriet K. Hase, formerly of the St. Andrew's Priory, Honolulu, a native of Kauai, 21 years old. Burled last Saturday in the Lihue ceme-

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